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SUBJECT: DELEGATION FRENCH PRIVATE CITIZENS TO VISIT  
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK IN SUPPORT CONCORDE.

1. EMBASSY INFORMED TODAY THAT RADIO-FRANCE  
ORGANIZING VISIT BY DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 20  
FRENCH PRIVATE CITIZENS WITH CLOSE TIES TO U.S. TO  
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK MARCH 16-18 IN SUPPORT CONCORDE  
LANDING RIGHTS IN NEW YORK. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT, AS  
CONCEIVED BY RADIO-FRANCE WOULD BE: ARRIVE WASHINGTON  
MARCH 16 ON CONCORDE, PRESS CONFERENCE AND BRIEF MEET-  
ING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER OR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE  
(REQUEST TO BE RELAYED TODAY OR TOMORROW BY FRENCH  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON ACCORDING RADIO FRANCE). PROCEED  
NEW YORK EVENING THURSDAY MARCH 17 FOR PRESS CONFERENCE  
AND/OR PRESS LUNCHEON AND MEETINGS WITH GOVERNOR CASEY  
AND MAYOR BEAME MARCH 18. RETURN TO PARIS FRIDAY  
EVENING MARCH 18.

2. PARTICIPANTS AS REPORTED BY RADIO-FRANCE INCLUDE:  
HERVE ALPHAND (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S.), PAUL BOCUSE  
(CHEF), CESAR (ARTIST), HENRI LARTIGUE (PHOTOGRAPHER),  
PROFESSOR DANIEL GUILMET (HEART TRANSPLANT SURGEON),  
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JACQUES DEMY (FILM DIRECTOR) AND CHARLES TRENET (SINGER),  
WOULD BE JOINED BY FOLLOWING ALREADY IN U.S.: PIERRE  
CARDIN (COUTURIER), CATHERINE DENEUE (ACTRESS),  
REGINE (SINGER, NIGHTCLUB PROMOTER). OTHER POSSIBLE  
PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: FRANCOIS DALLE (INDUSTRIALIST),  
YVES ST. LAURENT (COUTURIER), MARCEL MARCEAU (MIME),  
GILBERT BECAUD (SINGER), PIERRE BOULEX (CONDUCTOR),

MIREILLE MATHIEU (SINGER) AND JEAN-CLAUDE DECAUX  
(INDUSTRIALIST). SMALL TEAM OF RADIO AND TV JOURNALISTS  
WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION.

3. QUAI D'ORSAY CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE AND  
NOTED THAT, WHILE NOT FRENCH GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE,  
QUAI LENDING ITS SUPPORT (E.G. HAS ASKED FRENCH CONSUL  
GENERAL NEW YORK TO HELP WITH APPOINTMENT). RADIO-  
FRANCE ORGANIZER, ALAIN TRAMPOGLIERI, STATES HE HAS  
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET, CURRENT-  
LY IN PARIS, AND THAT FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL  
ALSO ASSIST DELEGATION. WE ASSUME FRENCH EMBASSY WILL  
BE IN TOUCH URGENTLY WITH DEPARTMENT IF IT HAS NOT  
ALREADY DONE SO.

4. RADIO FRANCE INDICATED WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF  
ANYTHING WE COULD DO IN SUPPORT OF DELEGATION'S VISIT  
IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. SPECIFICALLY THEIR  
INTEREST IN BEING RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT OR VICE  
PRESIDENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING APPRISED SOONEST  
OF WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE WORKED OUT FOR A  
WASHINGTON/NEW YORK PROGRAM FOR THE DELEGATION.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW NEWS-APPEAL OF PARTICIPANTS,  
CURRENT 'RAW-NERVE' SENSIBILITIES OF FRENCH PUBLIC ON  
CONCORDE, AND TIMING (BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS  
OF FRENCH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS), THIS DELEGATION CERTAIN  
TO GENERATE WIDE PUBLICITY IN FRANCE. RECOMMEND  
DELEGATION BE RECEIVED AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL TO  
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IMPRESS ON FRENCH PUBLIC THAT U.S. VIEWS FRENCH  
CONCERNS SYMPATHETICALLY.  
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